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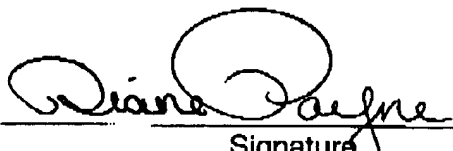
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant submits this in response to the January 12, 2006 Office action. Applicant requests reconsideration based on the following remarks.

Claims 15, 16, 18, and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Ninkov (U.S. Patent No. 6,844,369) in view of Nitsas (U.S. Patent No. 6,106,838). Applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection. **Ninkov is not prior art.** The above-referenced application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 to Int'l Patent Appl. No. PCT/EP00/03513, which was filed on April 17, 2000, with a priority date of May 12, 1999. Ninkov's purported priority date is January 23, 2001. This is after both the priority date and international filing date of the above-referenced application. Thus, Ninkov cannot be cited against the above-referenced application.

Given that Ninkov cannot be cited, it cannot be combined with Nitsas to support an obviousness rejection. The obviousness rejection, therefore, must be withdrawn.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicant does owe any such fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to